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Slain. New Jersey man Daniel Cooke was shot and killed Friday after answering a Craigslist ad for an ATV. **In custody.** Police arrested Thomas Coffee, of Willow Grove, in connection with the crime. **Trend.** More killers are turning to the Internet to set up victims. PAGE 04

A Fox Chase field was renamed yesterday to honor firefighter Dan Sweeney, who was killed last year in the line of duty. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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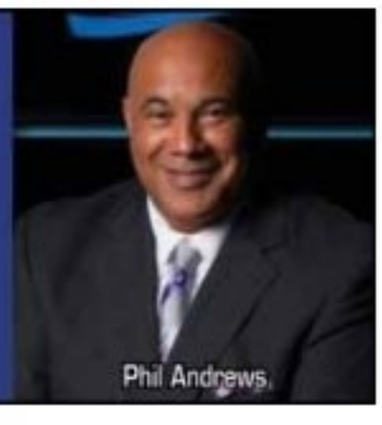
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Local Tweet

"I guess firefly is an excuse for everyone to dress like hippies even though they don't do that on a regular basis."

@meowryautumn on the Firefly Music Festival held in Delaware this weekend

Daniel Sweeney's father threw out the first pitch and, with Sweeney's mother, held up a Phillies jersey bearing their son's name. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Field renamed for fallen firefighter

Unveiled. Members of the community helped dedicate the Dan Sweeney Field yesterday during a ceremony in Fox Chase.

Dave Sweeney threw out the first pitch, and his departed son's brethren were the first to play on Dan Sweeney Field.

Field 1, the largest of four diamonds at the upper fields of the Fox Chase playground in Northeast Philadelphia, was dedicated yesterday. A sign was placed behind the backstop, where Sweeney played catcher for his Fox Rok baseball teams.

Sweeney and Lt. Robert Neary were killed April 9, 2012, after a wall collapsed at a Kensington warehouse fire.

Following the ceremony, friends and family participated in the second annual softball tournament, which raises money for the Daniel Sweeney Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Members of Engine 7-Ladder 10 were, fittingly, the first to play on the field after its dedication.

City Councilman Brian O'Neill said the diamond was called Field 1 because of its location, but he added that the name means much more.

"This is THE field in Fox Chase. This is the big field," he said. "Every kid that goes through the baseball program at Fox Rok … this is the field of dreams for them."

Quoted

"He was a neighborhood kid, the funeral was at St. Cecilia's and we were right up the street. We talked to 2,000 firemen … they were in and out of the bar all day … it was unbelievable. And it felt like we needed to do something."

Bar owner Brian Powers, of McNally's On Rhawn, who started the scholarship last year

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The Midtown II Restaurant in Center City. / FACEBOOK

Failed. Men attempt robbery of Midtown II diner in Center City

Police are looking for two men who yesterday tried to rob the Midtown II Restaurant at 122 S. 11th St.

Investigators said a man wearing a plastic bag over his head broke through a rear entry and into the diner's basement shortly after 6:20 a.m. He allegedly confronted an employee, 52, with a long object wrapped in a Save-A-Lot shopping bag.

When the employee told the man he didn't have any money, the suspect fled, running up the stairs to meet a man who acted as a lookout, police said.

No employees or customers were injured during the crime. METRO

Gunfire

Six shot in 12 hours

Six people were shot in just over 12 hours this weekend. The violence touched off shortly before 4 p.m. Friday, when a man riding a bike shot an 18-year-old near 5th and Siegel streets in South Philadelphia.

A man, 25, was shot around 9 p.m. Friday near 11th and Huntingdon streets in Hartranft. Daniel Cooke, 27, was within two hours killed in West Oak Lane.

A man, 31, was shot in both legs around 2:30 a.m. Saturday in the Harrowgate section of Kensington. Two hours later, a man, 19, was wounded in an unrelated shooting in Fern Rock. A man, 48, was shot once in the back around 5:15 a.m. in Franklinville. METRO

Voting

Pa. voter ID law set for trial

The Commonwealth Court trial to determine whether Pennsylvania voters should be required to show photo identification at the polls will start July 15.

The law signed last year by Gov. Tom Corbett was suspended during the 2012 presidential and May primary elections. Plaintiffs have requested it remain suspended until the case is resolved. METRO

Rescued

More than a dozen dogs and cats rescued

Fourteen dogs and three cats were rescued Saturday from a Northeast Philadelphia home during a PSPCA raid.

The Maltese dogs were allegedly found living in their own feces in the basement of a house on the 2800 block of Walnut Hill Street. METRO

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Man arrested in Craigslist ATV ad murder

Nabbed. Police said Thomas Coffee fatally shot a N.J. man who answered a Craigslist post.

Police made an arrest in the murder Friday night of Williamstown, N.J., man Daniel Cooke, 27, who was shot after responding to a Craigslist post advertising an ATV for sale.

Thomas Coffee, 23, of Willow Grove, was taken into custody and charged with murder for allegedly killing Cooke.

Investigators said Cooke and several friends traveled to the 1400 block of East Walnut Lane in the West Oak Lane section of Philadelphia around 11 p.m. in an attempt to buy an ATV listed for sale on Craigslist.

Cooke was allegedly met by Coffee, who police said claimed to be the seller and led Cooke down an alley to "inspect" the vehicle. It was there, out of sight of Cooke's companions, that Coffee allegedly fatally shot him in the head.

Coffee already amassed a long rap sheet in the four years since he became an adult, court documents show.

He has in the past served several jail stints for violent robbery, theft and weapon offenses.

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Other Craigslist killings

- Three California men were last month convicted of killing a student who responded to a laptop ad.
- Richard Beasley, of Ohio, was in April sentenced to death for killing three men who responded to bogus help wanted posts.
- The infamous Boston "Craigslist Killer" Phillip Markoff spawned numerous books and a Lifetime movie after murdering a woman in 2009.

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DON'T TEASE THE WEATHER

I do write about many things, as I have quite a few opinions — just in case you haven't noticed. But to those of you that know of me or follow me, my No. 1 passion is the world of meteorology. I live it, I breathe it, I inhale it, I miss it.

I miss being in your living room and telling you the weather news, good or bad, but especially when it turns stormy, as anyone can tell you it's going to be a happy, sunny day. The meteorologists who can get you through the storm in a firm and responsible way are the ones I admire. I can't stand the so-called "weather tease," when local stations have seven seconds to shout, "Severe storms heading our way — details coming up!" You wait 20 to 40 minutes for the full forecast, and yes, there is a severe storm — over the Poconos. Not moving your way, except, of course, if you're in Mount Pocono.

Quoted

I admire this man for his true dedication and his tireless efforts to keep you ahead of a storm. You know when Jim shows up in your neighborhood, something bad is brewing.

I know local news lives for ratings, and I get it, but I don't have to like it. What I have learned in Philly, NYC and most likely any other city is: Your local meteorologist needs to be part of the community, to give back to the community and to be trusted by the community when the so-called you-know-what hits the fan.

Jim Cantore from The Weather Channel embodies this, and he does it on a national level. Yes, Jim will put himself in harm's way, and he will get the word out in a strong and confident way. Jim Cantore has the weather chops and cojones; he is the ultimate weather warrior.

Down the road, it looks like I will be working as "the storm guy" on a much smaller level, but still I will be doing what I was born to do, and I'm almost certain our paths will cross again when the next big one threatens the East Coast.

By the way, this first full week of summer will be hot and stormy. The best severe storm threat will be late this week, but isolated severe storms can't be ruled out over the next 48 hours.

$131M-winning Powerball ticket sold in S. Philly

Jackpot. Lottery officials said a Powerball ticket worth $131.5 million was sold at a beer distributor in South Philadelphia.

Lotto ticket / GETTY IMAGES

A jackpot-winning Powerball ticket that netted $131.5 million in Saturday's drawing was sold in Philadelphia, lottery officials announced yesterday.

The ticket, which correctly matched all five white balls and the red Powerball 28, was sold at Federal Beer Distributor, located at 1440 Federal St. in South Philadelphia.

"It seems Saturday night's 'Super Moon' shone down some 'super luck' on a fortunate Pennsylvania Lottery Powerball player," Pennsylvania Lottery Executive Director Todd Rucci said in a statement. "This is the 17th Powerball jackpot-winning ticket sold by the Pennsylvania Lottery since we joined the multi-state game."

The winner — whose identity can't be confirmed until the ticket is validated and the cash is claimed — will have the choice of receiving a $131.5 million annuity or $77.4 million in a one-time cash payout, less 25 percent withheld for federal taxes.

The retailer will get a $100,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Pennsylvania Lottery Powerball winners have one year from the date of the drawing to claim prizes. Lottery officials encourage the winner to immediately sign the back of the ticket and store it in a safe place.

The Powerball jackpot will be reset to an estimated annuity of $40 million, or a cash lump sum of $23.5 million, for Wednesday's drawing.

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Schools

Protestors head toward Harrisburg

Philadelphia school advocates will converge on Harrisburg tomorrow in an attempt to convince state legislators to restore billions in education funding that has been cut from Pennsylvania's budget since Gov. Tom Corbett took office in 2010.

Their demands include that legislators "make education funding a top priority" in next year's budget and put "full and fair funding for public education ahead of new tax cuts for corporations."

The day of action is organized by the Philadelphia Coalition Advocating for Public Schools, who will be joined by representatives of labor, parent and teacher groups.

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Manayunk celebrates the arts with street fair

Madison Castovillo, 8, tried her hand at a game of corn hole yesterday at the 24th annual Manayunk Arts Festival. The street fair is billed as the largest outdoor juried arts fest in the tri-state area. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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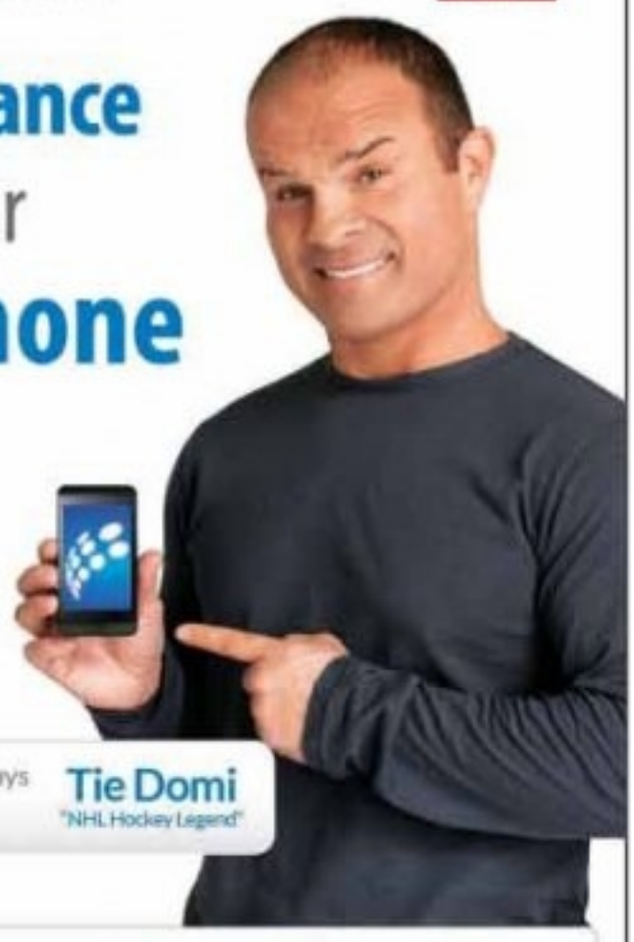
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Scenes from this year's Make Music Philly fest

On Friday, more than 130 musicians got together at various locations throughout the city to take part in World Music Day with the free daylong festival, Make Music Philly. Here is just a sampling of the day's musical happenings.

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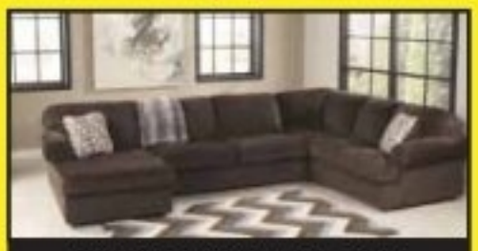

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Snowden seeks asylum in Ecuador, heading to Cuba

Ecuador. Its foreign minister confirms a request for asylum, and its new president has good ties with WikiLeaks.

Fugitive former U.S. spy agency contractor Edward Snowden is seeking asylum in Ecuador, the Quito government said yesterday, after Hong Kong let him leave its territory despite Washington's efforts to extradite him on espionage charges.

An aircraft believed to be carrying Snowden landed in Moscow, and the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks said in a statement he was "bound for the Republic of Ecuador via a safe route for the purposes of asylum."

Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino, visiting Vietnam, tweeted: "The Government of Ecuador has received an asylum request from Edward J. Snowden."

Ecuador is sheltering WikiLeaks' founder Julian Assange at its London embassy, and Ecuador's ambassador to Russia said he expected to meet Snowden in Moscow yesterday.

Snowden's departure from Hong Kong, a former British colony that returned to China in 1997, is likely to be highly embarrassing for the administration of President Barack Obama. U.S. authorities had said only on Saturday they were optimistic Hong Kong would cooperate over Snowden. **REUTERS**

Official source

U.S. revokes Snowden's passport

The United States has revoked the passport of former national security contractor Edward Snowden, an official source familiar with the decision said yesterday.

It was not immediately clear how Snowden was able to travel, and the official offered no details.

Russian journalists wait for Edward Snowden to arrive at Moscow's Sheremetyevo International Airport yesterday. Snowden left Hong Kong and is reportedly on his way to Venezuela via Cuba. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I thought he was going to stay and fight it out. The U.S. government will be irate." Simon Young, a Hong Kong University law professor

U.S. fugitive

Lawmakers slam Russia for abetting Snowden flight

U.S. lawmakers yesterday said former national security contractor Edward Snowden's reported flight to Russia with a possible plan to flee onward to Cuba or Venezuela undermined his whistleblower claims, and they slammed Moscow for helping a fugitive.

An aircraft thought to be carrying Snowden landed in Moscow yesterday after Hong Kong let the former National Security Agency contractor leave, despite Washington's efforts to extradite him to face espionage charges.

A source at Russia's Aeroflot airline said Snowden was traveling to Moscow and was planning to go to Venezuela via Cuba.

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Weight loss. Two large meals a day tops six mini-meals

Eating two large meals a day yielded more weight loss than consuming six mini-meals with the same number of calories, according to a study that challenges the common wisdom on appetite control.

Over 12 weeks, people with Type 2 diabetes who ate just breakfast and lunch lost an average of 1.23 points in body mass index, or BMI, compared with a loss of 0.82 points for those who ate six smaller meals of the same nutritional and energy content. The data, in a small study involving 54 patients, was presented yesterday at the American Diabetes Association meeting in Chicago.

The study builds on previous results disproving the theory that eating more frequently improves weight loss. That pattern, thought to work because it helps control appetite, was shown to produce no more weight loss than three regular meals in a 2010 study published in the British Journal of Nutrition. The latest report eliminates one additional meal. BLOOMBERG

A big breakfast can help with weight loss. / GETTY IMAGES

Body Mass Index

30

BMI of 30 or higher in an adult is considered obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Obama to lay out climate change plan in speech

Coal. Controlling carbon dioxide is seen as a vital step in moving toward clean energy.

President Barack Obama said that he will outline a climate change plan tomorrow centered around reducing pollution from carbon emissions, as he attempts to make good on a pledge for his second term.

"I'll lay out my vision for where I believe we need to go — a national plan to reduce carbon pollution, prepare our country for the impacts of climate change and lead global efforts to fight it," he said in a White House video.

Obama made tackling climate change a top priority in his inaugural address in January when he began his second term. His speech will be at Georgetown University.

Obama outlined what would be a major national effort to address climate change. He said scientists will be needed to design new fuels, farmers to grow them, engineers to devise new sources of energy and workers to build the foundation for a clean energy economy.

"There's no single step that can reverse the effects of climate change. But when it comes to the world we leave our children, we owe it to them to do what we can," he said.

Sources familiar with his plans have said Obama is likely to roll out a number of measures on climate policy. They may include a strategy to limit greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants, which account for roughly 40 percent of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. REUTERS

A coal burning plant in Conesville, Ohio. / GETTY IMAGES

Carbon pollution

Stakeholders brace for move on emissions

Electric utilities, environmental groups, large electricity consumers and states have been working behind the scenes for months to have a say in new rules that will be laid out by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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NY governor to request federal probe of LI utility

Review. Cuomo said the state would refer its investigation to federal prosecutors.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said he will ask federal prosecutors to review a report that found "breathtaking waste and inefficiency" in the state-owned Long Island Power Authority's dealings with a private consulting firm.

A scathing New York commission report found questionable billing practices and a troubling "revolving door" relationship between the state-owned utility and Navigant Consulting Inc., which may have been a breach of state ethics laws.

Last week, New York approved legislation to mostly dismantle the utility, known as LIPA, which was criticized for an inept response to superstorm Sandy last October, when more than 90 percent of the 1.1 million LIPA customers on Long Island were left without power, some for more than two weeks.

Public Service Enterprise Group Inc., a private utility in neighboring New Jersey, will take over management of LIPA's operations and LIPA will in effect be reduced to a holding company.

The commission found "breathtaking waste and inefficiency" in LIPA's operations and said the utility was "woefully unprepared" to manage the threat posed by major storms **REUTERS**

Powerless

90%

More than 90 percent of the 1.1 million LIPA customers on Long Island were left without power after superstorm Sandy, some for more than two weeks.

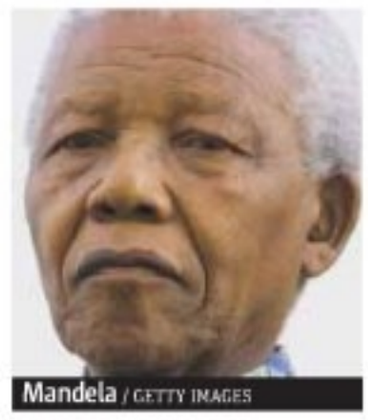
In the aftermath of superstorm Sandy, a crew trims trees entangled in power lines on Nov. 3, 2012 in Bethpage, N.Y. / GETTY IMAGES

Illness. Mandela's condition critical: S. African government

Former South African president Nelson Mandela's condition deteriorated to "critical" (as of deadline) yesterday, the government said, two weeks after the 94-year-old anti-apartheid leader was admitted to hospital with a lung infection.

President Jacob Zuma and the deputy leader of the ruling African National Congress, Cyril Ramaphosa, visited Mandela in his Pretoria hospital, where doctors said his condition had worsened in the last 24 hours, a statement said.

"The doctors are doing everything possible to get his condition to improve and are ensuring that Madiba is well looked after and is comfortable," it said, referring to Mandela by his clan name.



Mandela / GETTY IMAGES

Mandela, who became South Africa's first black president in 1994, was rushed to a Pretoria hospital on June 8 with a recurrence of a lung infection, his fourth hospitalization in six months. **REUTERS**

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"The doctors are doing everything possible to get his condition to improve."

A statement from doctors

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Steve Martin is sorry about his absence, Seth Rogen is on the move, Elizabeth Hurley is procrastinating and Kevin Nealon needs a new phone.

@SteveMartinToGo: The reason I haven't tweeted for a while is because I haven't written anything and then pressed "Tweet."

@Sethrogen: Just flew from Australia to London, which I think is as far as you can travel on earth before you're heading back to where you started.

@ElizabethHurley: Yes- I am putting off packing and learning lines by tweeting nonsense.

@kevin_nealon: Lost my cell phone in Johannesburg last night. Please address your future tweets to @MullahSowungo the Cab Driver.

What you may have missed in Kimye news

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I'm pretty sure that people in outer space have heard what Kanye West and Kim Kardashian named their baby girl, but just in case you were in solitary confinement over the weekend, her name is North. As in North West. And it exploded the Internet.

Within an hour of the announcement, "North West" became a global trending topic on Twitter, with everyone cracking jokes (some posted photos of a compass with the tweet, "The first picture of Kim and Kanye's baby!") to @surisburnbook saying, "It's cute how you can spell 'the worst' with the letters from North West's name."

Me? At first I was open-mouthed at the news, but now I kind of like it. I mean, it's Kim and Kanye's baby. It's not like they were going to do something normal.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Bynes' new nose

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Amanda Bynes finally got her nose job this weekend, revealing on Twitter that she's got a lot more about the operation to share.

"I'm going to post a video of some of the procedure on my Twitter," Bynes writes. "I need one more procedure to thin out the bridge of my nose." So we all have that to look forward to.

Kendall Jenner: so sweet

Kendall Jenner was all candy and smiles at the opening of Sugar Factory American Brasserie Thursday in New York City, where she hosted the event. Ever the professional (even at 17), the star kept mum about sister Kim Kardashian's new baby girl. But she couldn't keep quiet about the restaurant's debut. (Maybe it was all the sugar?) "It's such a fun place to be. Great food, great candy, it's just awesome," she told Metro. Her favorite candy? "Sweet Tarts!" / GETTY IMAGES

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"I cried like almost 15 thousand times."

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Jennifer Lopez told the Associated Press after being awarded the 2,500th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Thursday

Just what is going on with Justin Bieber?

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Justin Bieber's neighbors are so fed up with his and his friends' reckless driving in their gated Calabasas, Calif., community that they've asked the police to intervene, according to E! News. There's also been an emergency Homeowner's Association meeting planned to address the issue.

"It has been escalating for the past six months. He has begun to flip over to a really dark side," a neighbor says of Bieber's "aggressive, reckless" behavior. "They have sent him warnings. He's out of control. Everyone has a Bieber white Ferrari story. God forbid someone gets hurt by that car. He just feels like he is above the law."

Other reasons for concern? The singer's new Instagram video, where the star seems pretty high. "So, crazy news guys!" said the giddy Bieber as he giggled (oh, how he giggles in this video). "There is video on Instagram." And then it shuts off, presumably so he can go munch on some Funyuns.

The World's Ugliest Dog contest pics

See more at www.metro.us

Some tongue

1 **Penny**, a purebred pug, awaits the start of the annual competition, now in its 25th year.

The winner!

2 Meet the upset! **Walle**, a beagle, boxer and basset hound mix, was judged to be the ugliest of all 30 entries at the annual World's Ugliest Dog competition in Petaluma, Calif., on Friday. We think he looks pretty cute!

Boy's best friend

3 A boy poses with his dog **Icky**, a Chinese Crested, the breed of dog that usually wins.

Woof, woof

4 Is this even a real dog? Yup, apparently his name is **Grovie,** and he's a pug.

Pretty in pink?

5 Linda Elmquist shows off her dog **Josie**, another Chinese Crested.

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Films with 'a little muscle'

Screening. The Philadelphia Independent Film Festival aims to create buzz for lesser-known flicks.

Catch the thriller "My Brother Jack" at the Philadelphia Independent Film Festival. / PROVIDED

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In its sixth year, the Philadelphia Independent Film Festival boasts a schedule with more than 75 films screening at some of the city's landmark venues, including the Franklin Institute and the National Constitution Center. But for festival director Benjamin Barnett, the goal is to help filmmakers find audiences beyond the five-day event.

"We've gone to festivals and connected with filmmakers around the world and virtually through social media, and we've really established a dialogue with independent filmmakers," Barnett says. "Following this year's festival, we'll be in a position to provide distribution and marketing to filmmakers for the first time. ... You need social media exposure, festival exposure and a marketing strategy to show Netflix or Redbox or any of these streaming companies that your film has a little muscle."

In that sense, the festival is an offshoot of Media Bureau, the digital media agency Barnett founded in 1997. This year, the fest is streaming past award winners on its website and is in the final stages of negotiating distribution agreements with two companies, which Barnett says will enable films to be bundled for streaming. He hopes that by providing filmmakers an audience and networking opportunities, the festival can generate the kind of buzz that can elevate their films beyond the insular world of the festival circuit.

"The reality is, I know films that have screened in 30 or 40 film festivals that nobody's ever heard of," Barnett says. "We take that to heart."

This year's highlights include a pair of classic films by Robert Downey Sr., who Barnett says "embodies the spirit of independent filmmaking." Also being shown are the Slovenian doc "My Name is Janez Jansa," which follows three contemporary artists who all change their names to that of the country's dictatorial former prime minister, and "My Brother Jack," a thriller starring Philly native Mark Borkowski.

Drazen Dragojevic is in "My Name is Janez Jansa," a documentary about the nature of names. / PROVIDED

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Mike Wazowski gets summer schooled

Interview. Billy Crystal talks about his favorite character, a little green one-eyed monster.

Billy Crystal is back to voice work with "Monsters University."
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Billy Crystal has played a lot of memorable characters — Harry in "When Harry Met Sally," Mitch in "City Slickers," Miracle Max in "The Princess Bride" — but after nearly 40 years in the business, he has a clear favorite from his repertoire: Mike Wazowski, the one-eyed green ball from "Monsters, Inc." So naturally, the idea of reprising the role was one he welcomed.

"Mike is fearless. He's really the favorite character I've ever played in anything I've done. I've really missed doing him," Crystal says.

But Crystal soon learned that in reprising Mike, he wasn't going to be doing any ordinary sequel. The pitch came short and sweet from John Lasseter, Pixar and Disney Animation chief.

"It was at John's 50th birthday party, and he said, 'We have the idea. It's a sequel, but it's a prequel. They're in college.' And he just walked away," Crystal remembers.

The film finds "Monsters, Inc." buddies Mike and Sully (John Goodman) just out of the monster equivalent of high school, and not even acquaintances yet. In fact, they initially don't like each other. While Sully is a hulking jock, coasting on his natural abilities and family name, Mike is more of an outsider. That was something else Crystal found easy to relate to.

"I have to admit, I was a little bit of a misfit," he remembers. "I was a film-directing major at NYU. I'm still not sure why I became a directing major when I was really an actor and a comedian, so I felt like I was a misfit, in a way, because all those other people — it was Oliver Stone, Christopher Guest, Mike McKean — were film people. Our professor was Marty Scorsese. Mr. Scorsese, which is what I had to call him — which I still do, when I see him, because he gave me a C."

What scares the scarer

"I still don't love the darkness, though I've learned to smile in it a little bit now and then. ... The unknown has always been a little scary when you think about things, especially as you get older."
Crystal

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James Badge Dale isn't a household name, though he did star in AMC's short-lived but acclaimed "Rubicon." But he's everywhere this summer. In "Iron Man 3" he played Eric Savin, the villain's main henchman. In "World War Z" he's a gruff soldier stationed in South Korea. And in the forthcoming "The Lone Ranger" he's the titular hero's outlaw older brother, whose moral code is a bit more gray.

What was it like doing films on this scale?
They were three different experiences for me in three ways — three separate genres, three completely different characters and three different sets of obstacles. I don't know how to ride a horse. ["The Lone Ranger" producers] had me show up six weeks early and learn how to handle weaponry. On "Iron Man," I'd never worked in front of a green screen.

What was that like? With most movies, at least the thing you're acting with is present.
Right, there's something in front of you. With a green screen, it's not there. It doesn't exist. You have to trust the people you're working with. My experience on "Iron Man" was a beautiful learning experience. These guys — Robert Downey [Jr.] and Don Cheadle and Jon Favreau — they supported me, and taught me how to play and how to be free. It's as if you're six years old and nobody's watching you. You're just making stuff up.

How quickly do you get over acting with major superstars?
You don't have time for that. It's not like you're meeting the guy on the street. You're working with him. So you have to show up for work. Someone told me you don't want to work with a guy who isn't nervous. I've made this mistake where I try to act like I'm not nervous. It's okay to be a little starstruck. You just come prepared and have fun. You find that all these guys are great guys. All these guys are going through the same things you are. You become coworkers. I have a hard time when I'm working with women stars. That's when you get starstruck. You're working with Carey Mulligan — she wouldn't give me the time of day in real life.

What's the difference with working on TV vs. film?

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JAMES BADGE DALE

The actor pops up in three summer movies, including "World War Z."

HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

The biggest difference with a film is there's a definitive ending. You always know where you're trying to get to. With television, if the show is successful, it keeps going. All the television I've been on has never made it past the year. I've never had this problem.

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Brad Pitt is almost a box office champ

Slightly more people saw "Monsters University" this weekend than "World War Z." / PIXAR

Box office. The megastar scored silver with his biggest opening weekend ever.

"Monsters University," the prequel to Pixar's 2001 animated blockbuster "Monsters, Inc.," scared up $82 million in weekend ticket sales to easily outdistance the week's other new movie, the big-budget apocalyptic thriller "World War Z," which came in with an impressive haul of $66 million.

"World War Z," the story of a zombie pandemic starring Brad Pitt, was the star's biggest opening weekend ever, outpacing the $50.3 million for "Mr. And Mrs. Smith."

Last week's top movie, the Superman reboot "Man of Steel," was third with ticket sales of $41.2 million.

"Monsters University" was Pixar's 14th consecutive film to head the box office for the weekend it premiered in theaters, easily outpacing industry projections of a $70 million weekend.

Distributed by Paramount Pictures, "World War Z" was delayed from its initially planned December release after the studio decided to reshoot the final third, pushing its budget from $170 million to more than $200 million, according to published reports.

"Man of Steel," which stars British actor Henry Cavill as the muscled superhero, has generated domestic ticket sales of $210 million, already more than 2006's "Superman Returns," which starred Brandon Routh and took in just over $200 million.

"This Is the End," the apocalyptic comedy written by star Seth Rogen and his childhood friend Evan Goldberg, collected $13 million to take fourth place in the United States and Canada.

"Now You See Me," starring Woody Harrelson and Jesse Eisenberg as magicians who evade the police after high-profile robberies, was fifth with ticket sales of $7.9 million, pushing its total domestic take to just under $95 million.

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The Boston Bruins face off against the Chicago Blackhawks at ... Wait a second ... Oh sit, this is a photo for "Oh Sit!" / THE CW

SPORTS

Stanley Cup Finals

While we in the features department don't always concern ourselves with televised athletics, these are the times when we actually do tune in: championships! So, the Stanley Cup is for a sport called hockey. Basically, if the Boston Bruins beat the Chicago Blackhawks tonight, we won't be watching "Dateline" or "Law & Order" on Wednesday.

8 P.M., NBC

COMPETITION

'Oh Sit!'

When our niece told us about this show, we were initially upset with her because we thought she was swearing. Then we felt badly for her because we didn't notice before that she had a speech impediment. Then we were relieved to learn that neither of these things is true. This show is a high-stakes musical chairs competition hosted by Jamie Kennedy. Then we felt badly for and got mad at our niece for watching crap TV. **8 P.M., THE CW**

DRAMA

'Mistresses'

Alyssa Milano plays Savannah "Savi" Davis on this drama, and on this episode (spoiler alert, if you're among the 12 people who actually watch this show) she discovers she's pregnant. And if you aren't one of those dozen viewers, it won't mean anything to you that April is dealing with a woman who claims to have a child fathered by her late husband. But hey, maybe you don't like hockey.

10 P.M., ABC

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"I've worked with many singers over the years," Meirson says. "People know to come to me in Philadelphia for coaching in the Russian repertory."

Meirson, who's on the faculty of the Academy of Vocal Arts and the Curtis Institute of Music, spends the summer teaching the Russian Opera Workshop, the only vocal workshop in the U.S. devoted exclusively to the Russian repertoire. It draws students from across the country, as well as Canada and Mexico. "I've even had applications from Russia," he says.

Designed for undergrads to professionals, the program provides an immersion in the language, vocal training and Russian music, culminating in a free performance of a Russian opera. For its third season, the workshop is presenting Sergey Rachmaninoff's "Francesca da Rimini," which premiered in Moscow in 1906 but has never been performed in Philadelphia.

The biggest challenge for students, Meirson says, is becoming comfortable with the Russian tongue. "The language itself is a barrier block for many people. I'm in business because I unlock that a little bit for people."

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Retreat from retweets

If you too are a social media feedback junkie, consider my 30-day practice. Get honest about your behavior, commit to lay off the "refresh" button and clear space to share honest content rather than some canned comment that you think might get a ton of activity. Enhance your self-worth from the inside out and shine light on the Twittersphere.

IF YOU REALLY LIKE 'LIKES,' THIS ONE'S FOR YOU

Don't give your computer the power to define your happiness. / CREATAS

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Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

Do you refresh Facebook 15 times an hour to track the "likes" on your status? You're not alone. In some way or another, many of us have become slightly (or not so slightly) obsessed with the social media feedback loop. While it may seem like a sign of the times, it's actually just another way we reinforce a desperate need to feel good enough: The more likes we get, the better we feel.

But what happens when the like button isn't pushed, or the retweets just don't happen? Then what? A social media meltdown? If this resonates with you, trust that you're not alone. Remember that last scene of "The Social Network"? Even Mark Zuckerberg refreshes his page for feedback.

I too have struggled with the social media feedback loop. Early in my career as an author, speaker and dot-com entrepreneur, it became clear to me that social media was a powerful way to carry my message to the masses. I worked up an unhealthy obsession with it: My boyfriend would ban me from posting during dinner, and my mom could only get in touch by tweeting at me. At the time, I didn't perceive it as an issue. Thousands of folks were liking my fan page and retweeting my posts — it was heaven for my ego.

Then, one afternoon, I noticed myself wasting an hour watching my Twitter feed and Facebook fan page for positive feedback. As a self-help book author and Spirit Junkie, this was unacceptable. I turned away from the screen and said aloud, "I'm addicted to social media feedback."

Rather than beat myself up or deny the reality of my obsession, I put myself on a social media detox for 30 days. No, I didn't shut down my Twitter page or deny my fans. I continued to post as frequently as before, but I made a 30-day commitment to ignore the retweets and lay off the likes. I cleared space for self-love and self-soothing. When I no longer cared, I could spend more time focusing on sharing what I honestly felt rather than what I thought might get the most retweets. Ironically, this practice did wonders for my social media presence.

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5 Lessons to learn at your first student summer job

Employment. Here's how to take advantage of your first gig.

Make contacts for the future at a summer internship. / PHOTOS.COM

That first student summer job — when everything is still new — can be scary, but your first experience will also teach you crucial lessons for your professional future. Regardless of whether you're working as a dog walker or a business assistant, remember these lessons that you can take with you into any career.

How to work a full day

School is not real life. Having a day broken up by different classes where you may or may not pay attention in no way prepares you for the nine-to-five grind. If you have trouble sitting still and staying focused for that long, try taking a few short breaks away from your desk throughout the day. Instead of eating lunch at your desk or at a lunchroom table, go outdoors.

How to communicate effectively

Part of learning the ropes in your first gig is learning how to talk to people in an office setting. Communicating your ideas to your colleagues is not like chatting with your friends. Being able to easily and effectively convey your thoughts to others as well as developing the courage to speak up during meetings will help you stand out in future positions.

Tip

How to be appropriate

Working in an office is not like working in the library. Showing up in summer shorts and a tank top, chatting with your neighbors about your crazy night out and blasting "Call Me Maybe" on your breaks is a quick way to get booted from the office (and probably out of the library, for that matter). Learning the basics about how to dress and behave in an office setting is crucial for any career.

How to manage an income

Dealing with money matters is not only a good business skill but also an essential life skill. Managing your income and learning not to "spend it all in one place" will help you ensure that those paychecks continue to get bigger.

How to ask for and deal with feedback

In school, the feedback you get is written on your paper or reflected in your grades. At home, the pointers you get from your parents or your friends might not always get put into practice. But in the workplace, the feedback you get is an invaluable resource, and learning how to seek out and use criticism constructively to build your career will help you grow as an individual and as an employee.

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New universities make waves around the globe

Going global. A new ranking takes a look at the new universities that are providing first-rate education to students globally.

A new ranking shows that a good education is easy to find at new institutions worldwide. / GETTY IMAGES, CONSTOCK IMAGES

Watch out Ivy League, there's a new generation of elite universities on the rise around the globe, according to a new "100 Under 50" report from Times Higher Education magazine.

The report, published last week, ranks the best young universities — defined as those founded no more than 50 years ago — in categories including research prowess, student-to-faculty ratio and international reputation.

South Korea's Pohang University of Science and Technology came out on top. Switzerland's Ecole Polytechnique Federale of Lausanne ranked second, followed by another rising Asian star, the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

Britain had 18 institutions in the top 100, more than any other nation. Other countries with strong showings included France, Spain and Taiwan.

Eight American institutions made the list — all of them public universities. Two University of California campuses, Irvine and Santa Cruz, cracked the top 15, as did the University of Texas at Dallas. The rankings, which were developed from data produced and analyzed by Thomson Reuters, show that the fabled institutions that traditionally perch on the top of most "best college" lists "don't have a monopoly on excellence," said Phil Baty, editor of the Times Higher Education rankings.

Go public

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Eight American institutions made the list — all of which are public universities.

"You get a real strong sense that the world is changing quickly," Baty said of the list, which includes universities in Portugal, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand and Iran.

The ratings give significant weight to research, looking at how much an institution spends on it and how widely its faculty's papers are cited. Points are also given for attracting international students and staff. Twenty-eight countries are represented, but notable absences from the top 100 include India, Russia and mainland China.

Times Higher Education also compiles a more traditional list of top universities worldwide, regardless of age. Those rankings are routinely dominated by U.S. schools. This year, there were 76 American universities in the top 200, led by the California Institute of Technology, Stanford and Harvard.

"The U.S. can't rest on its laurels," Baty said. "There are governments that are extremely serious about pumping tens of millions into building world-class universities to challenge the traditional elites." REUTERS

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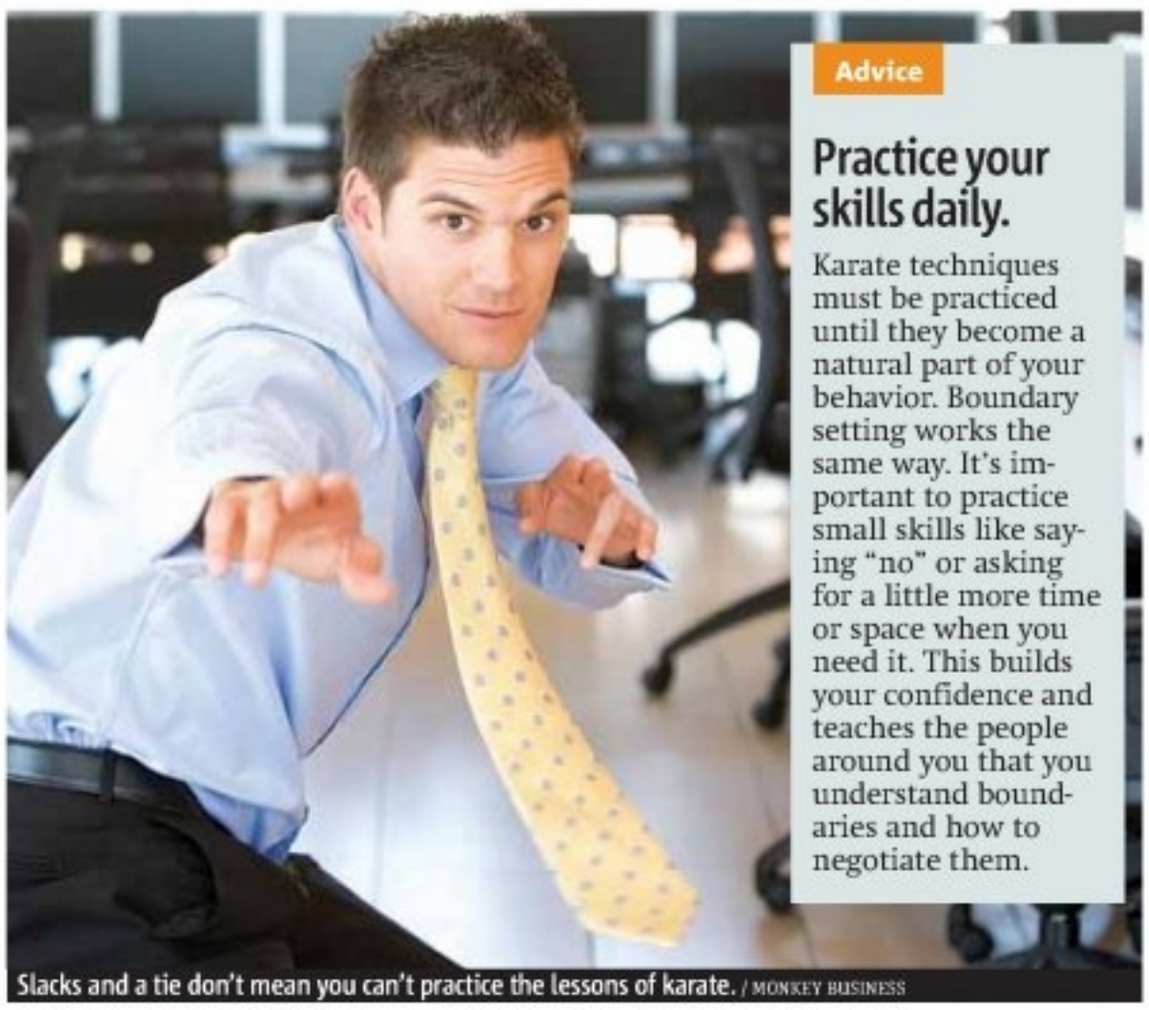

Advice

Practice your skills daily.

Karate techniques must be practiced until they become a natural part of your behavior. Boundary setting works the same way. It's important to practice small skills like saying "no" or asking for a little more time or space when you need it. This builds your confidence and teaches the people around you that you understand boundaries and how to negotiate them.

Slacks and a tie don't mean you can't practice the lessons of karate. / MONKEY BUSINESS

Skills. You don't need to be a kenpo master to bring the lessons of karate into your work.

Susan Schorn is the author of "Smile at Strangers: And Other Lessons in the Art of Living Fearlessly." She's also a black belt in karate who says the lessons to be learned from the ancient martial art don't end on the mat. Here are Schorn's tips on how to be a black belt in business attire.

Respect yourself

People — whether they are sparring with us or supervising us — tend to follow our lead when deciding how to treat us. Realizing the value of what you do and who you are is an empowering first step toward setting healthy boundaries in the workplace.

Create space by redirecting

When an opponent's offense threatens to overwhelm you in the sparring ring, you can gain control of the situation by turning his or her energy back. The same is true on the job. If your boss expects you to take on more work than you can handle, for example, ask for help prioritizing: "It looks like this new initiative is going to require a lot of attention. Which of the three projects I'm currently working on should I set aside to make room for it?"

Energy moves in both directions

Karate focuses on give and take between opponents. Give and take are important in the workplace, too, but how often do you give your boss feedback? We don't always think about communicating "upwards" in the work world. If it's done respectfully, it can replace a totally one-sided relationship with much healthier reciprocity.

Cultivate your reputation

Martial artists put a lot of effort into earning their peers' respect. Pay attention to your reputation in the workplace. If you're respected in other areas of your organization, your boss is more likely to value you in the office. METRO

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♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. As long as you're permitted to think for yourself, you'll be productive. Undue orders will slow you down.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Your judgment is likely to be far superior to that of a well-intentioned friend. Listen to this advice, but keep your own counsel.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Don't put off important assignments until the last minute. You'll be much sharper early in the day.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Tend to your own affairs before trying to help out other people. You won't be thought of as selfish, just efficient.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. There is no valid reason why you should share your good fortune with persons who had no hand in bringing it about. Reward those who did help out.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Your ability to evaluate might not be as effective as you think. Operate only in areas of strength.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Try to relax and let things take their course. You've worked hard to plan well, and you don't need to make last-minute changes.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Success is likely if you're able to organize your priorities in a methodical manner. If for some reason you can't, you're likely to end up being an also-ran.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Unless you have your mind on what you're doing, you could take one step forward and two steps back.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Your first thoughts are likely to be your best, But you're likely to put far more stock in your less-accurate assessments.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Don't push your commercial dealings too far. Holding out for extra concessions might take all the snap out of the rubber band. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Letters

Judge Iran by its deeds

Re: 'Time for the olive branch' (Metro, June 21-23) Nancy Wrenn's letter falls for Iran's "good cop, bad cop" routine. Yes, Rouhani sounds a lot better than Ahmadinejad. But Khamenei still holds the real power in a regime that supports Hezbollah and Assad. Iran has used talks as a stall tactic to prevent sanctions while continuing its nuclear development. If Iran genuinely wants to improve relations, it needs to prove that with actions, not words. Our sanctions finally have some teeth, and they cannot be relaxed until we have proof that Iran has abandoned its non-peaceful nuclear intentions.
JIM FLETCHER, VIA EMAIL

Morality needs some absolutes

Re: 'Don't need religion to be good' (Metro, June 20) Letter writer Craig G. Shoemake dogmatically dismisses religion and doctrinairely asserts the existence of "many excellent reasons … for behaving morally … " while offering no example. Without a divinely rooted source of objective morality, Shoemake's secular reasons can only ever be man-made, subjective, improvised and relativistic at best, not to mention non-binding.
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31 Hoosegow
32 Refuge
33 Shakespearean sprite
36 Cleveland NBAer
39 Buyer's caution (2 wds.)
40 Lairds' households
41 M.D.'s reading
42 Admin. head
43 Was drawn to
44 Afternoon TV
45 Gamble
46 Really big
48 Buoyant
51 Dark brew
52 Showed off
54 "Key Largo" actress
59 Carry on
60 OPEC member
62 Tybalt's slayer
63 "Famous" cookie maker
64 Ibsen's home
65 Fix a manuscript
66 Unlawful act
67 Fritz's refusal
68 No rocket scientist

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2 Succotash bean
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4 Sharp as a razor
5 Pep up
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8 Paris subway
9 Improves
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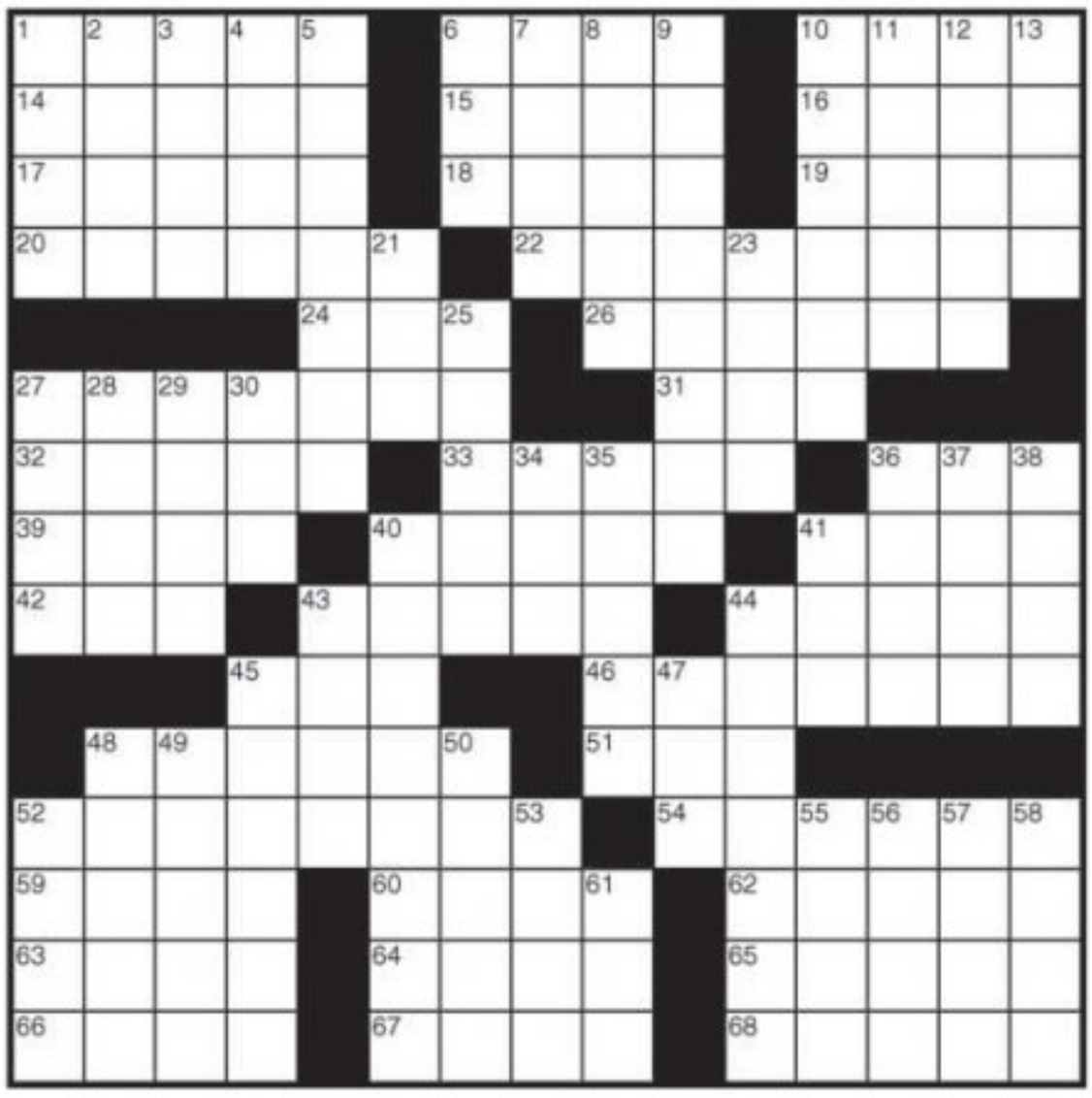

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Harvey, Mets too much for sliding Phillies in rain

MLB. New York ace throws four perfect frames as he hands Phils an 8-0 loss at Citizens Bank Park.

John Lannan fell to 0-2.
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The Matt Harvey Show came to town, and it didn't disappoint.

Harvey, a rising star hurler for the Mets, allowed two hits in six innings while striking out six batters in an 8-0 win yesterday over the Phillies. Harvey threw four perfect frames before a 20-minute rain delay ended his day prematurely.

The Phils dropped two out of three to the Mets this past weekend. John Lannan (0-2, 5.84 ERA) took the loss for Philadelphia. He surrendered six runs on eight hits in five innings. The Phils manufactured only four hits total, highlighted by Chase Utley's double. The team travels to San Diego for a 10-game road trip.

David Wright powered the Mets going 4-for-5 with two doubles and a home run. His ninth-inning blast off Jake Diekman was his 12th of the season. Wright is hitting .405 with 14 extra-base hits in his last 17 games.

The Phillies' shaky bullpen gave up two runs in four innings, including a scoreless frame from J.C. Ramirez. Ben Revere's error, a controversial call in the top of the fifth, led to three runs for the Mets.

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Phillies 'have their work cut out for them' in odd season

MLB. As the club falls to the Mets, it can't figure out how to beat teams lower in the NL standings.

The old axiom, that a win is a win, didn't seem to apply to the Phillies' 8-7 victory over the Mets this past weekend. It felt like a loss since the team blew a 7-1 lead in the seventh inning against the team with the worst batting average in the NL.

Even though the Mets can't hit, they managed to rough up the Phillies' soft underbelly, their unreliable bullpen. Sure, the Phillies celebrated a walk-off win Saturday — followed up by yesterday's 8-0 loss — but can a team that has so much trouble beating the worst teams in baseball (Mets, Brewers, Marlins Twins) have a chance at making the postseason?

"Judging by what we've seen so far, the odds of the Phillies being a contender aren't very good," a NL scout said.

Baseball Prospectus gives the Phils a 6.4 percent chance at making the playoffs. "You have to beat the bad teams," the NL scout said.

During the Phillies' championship run, they routinely clobbered the cellar dwellers, and they owned Washington. "I remember what that was like," Nats third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said.

"You can't make it as difficult as the Phillies make it on themselves," the scout said. "The odds [of making the playoffs] are against them."

But many players in the Phillies' clubhouse still believe.

"There's still more than half of the season left, and it's not like we're out of anything," Ben Revere said. "We're getting guys back. If we can put a winning streak together and just build on that, who knows? I think we control our own destiny."

It would help if the Phils won more games against truly bad teams.

"The Phillies have their work cut out for them," the NL scout said. "Stranger things have happened. 2007 was certainly unusual but they had a bunch of young, emerging players, who were hungry and healthy then."

Say what?

"If we can put a winning streak together and just build on that, who knows?"

Ben Revere, Phillies outfielder

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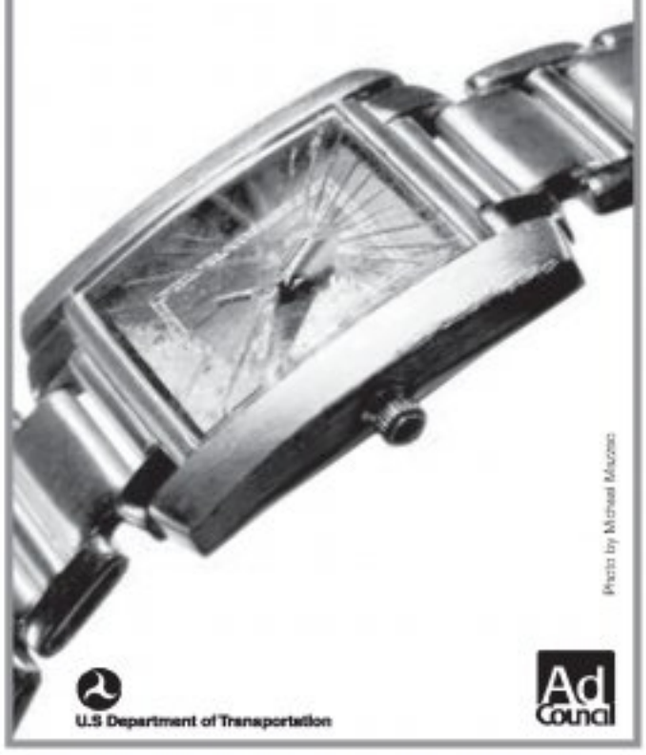

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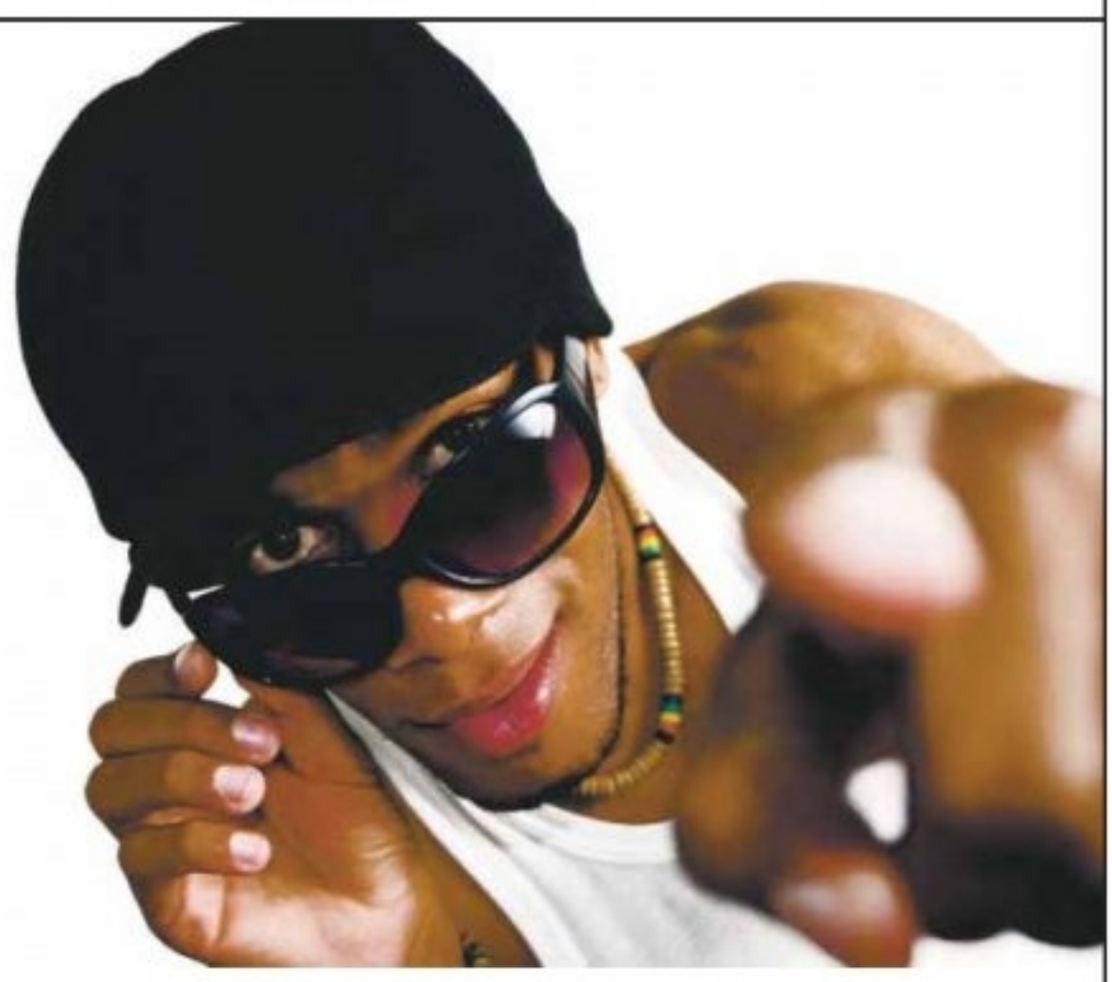

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